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Fuel Reduction Projects 2004

"I'm pleased to see a number of active fuel reduction projects on the Mountaintop Ranger District right now," said District Ranger Allison Stewart. "Funding secured by our outstanding elected officials, support from the public to begin removing dead and dying vegetation and the hard-working Forest Service staff have contributed to the implementation of many projects."

Consistent with the Mountain Area Safety Task Force (MAST) goals of protecting communications sites, evacuation routes and community protection, the Mountaintop Ranger District has treated 4,200 acres to date. Treatment of these acres has included cutting 168,000 trees that are 24 inches in diameter breast height (dbh) and about 504,000 trees that are less than 8 inches dbh, along with the removal of many tons of brush."

Big Bear area Projects

Completed Fuels Treatment Projects

- Fuelbreak completed during Old Fire – 208 acres. Section of dozer line along private property/national forest boundary north of Big Bear City (Enchanted Forest area).
- Santa Ana Prescribed Burn – 442 acres completed in 2004. 2767 acres have been completed over the past 15 years (some of these were mechanical treatments, not only prescribed burning treatments). Located in the Santa Ana drainage.

In-Process Fuels Treatment Projects

- Recreation Residents Tracts Fuel Reduction - 711 acres around lake on the west and southwest sides of Big Bear Lake. We are presently shopping for a professional logging company (through the bidding process) to accomplish the work.
- Snow Summit/Bear Mountain Fuel Reduction – approximately 1100 acres. Located on Forest land leased by Snow Summit / Bear Mountain Ski Resorts. This project is presently under way.

- Big Bear Shaded Fuel Break – 897 acres. Located south of Big Bear Lake and Big Bear City, directly adjacent to communities. The analysis is completed on this project. We are presently shopping for a professional logging company (through the bidding process) to accomplish the work.
- Skyline Fuel Break – 608 acres. Located on 2N10 and along a ridge about a mile south of Big Bear Lake and continuing along Forest Road 2N03 north of Sugarloaf. The analysis is completed on this project. We are presently shopping for a professional logging company (through the bidding process) to accomplish the work.

Future Fuels Treatment Projects

- Big Bear Forest Health Project – 4,594 acres. Located between the Big Bear Shaded Fuel Break and the Skyline Fuel Break on the south of Big Bear Lake and Sugarloaf. This project will be in the public comment phase of planning until September 26, 2004. Work is expected to commence in summer 2005.

Lake Arrowhead area Projects

Completed Fuels Treatment Projects

- Strawberry Peak Communication Site – 7 acres. Located between Twin Peaks and Rimforest.
- North Shore/Lake Arrowhead Shaded Fuelbreak project – 831 acres. Located on north and northeast of Lake Arrowhead, near Lake Arrowhead Elementary School.
- Dogwood Campground – 44 acres. Located just west of Rim of the World High School on Highway 18.
- Lost 35 – 35 acres. Located north of Cedar Glen.
- Skyforest Ranger Station – 19 acres. Located just west of Skyforest.
- Bayles and Crest Park Recreation area - 7 acres. Both are located along Highway 18.

In-Process Fuels Treatment Projects

- Valley of Enchantment – 713 acres. Located in the Crestline and Twin Peaks areas.
- Tunnel II – 244 acres. Located west of Blue Jay.
- Demo Fuels Reduction – 503 acres. Located along Highway 18 near Skyforest Ranger Station.
- Switzer Peak – 44 acres. Located west of Kuffel Canyon.
- Edison Powerline Infrastructure – The Forest Service continues to work closely with Edison in the clearing of approximately 1300 acres. Edison contracted crews have been removing hazardous trees to electric lines across National Forest System lands on an ongoing basis.

Future Fuels Treatment Projects

- Miller Canyon Hazardous Fuels Reduction – proposed 4,487 acres of forest located on the Northern perimeter of Crest Forest and Lake Gregory. This project will be in the public comment phase of planning until October 7, 2004.

Running Springs area Projects

Completed Fuels Treatment Projects

- Completed Hemlock Prescribed Burn – 1074 acres. Located south-southeast of Running Springs/Arrowbear, extending up to Keller Peak Lookout.
- Keller Peak Communication Site – 3 to 5 acres. Located 2.5 miles southeast of Running Springs.

Future Fuels Treatment Projects

- Deep Creek/Green Valley Lake Hazardous Fuels Reduction – 4120 acres of the assessment area proposed. Located all around the community of Green Valley Lake and north/northeast of Arrowbear. This project will go into the public comment phase of planning in mid to late October.
- Running Springs Shaded Fuelbreak – 227 acres. Located east of Fredalba.

Angelus Oaks area Projects

In Progress:

- Barton Flats Fuels reduction – Approximately 4300 acres. East of Angelus Oaks into the Barton Flats area.
- Angelus Oaks Community Defense Project – 1010 acres. Located around the community of Angelus Oaks.

Please visit <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sanbernardino/deadtrees/deadtreeswhatsfsdoing.shtml> to obtain project documentation and corresponding maps.

People interested in commenting on any of the projects in the public comment stage of planning (known as scoping) are asked to send an e-mail to mtforesthealth@fs.fed.us explaining which project/s they are interested in along with comments. Public comments are encouraged and appreciated.

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